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**ANCHORAGE MAN SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT TO
70 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR DRUG-TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY**

Anchorage, Alaska – Acting United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced that on November 16, 2007, Jeffrey Sanders, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 70 months for his conviction of conspiracy in relation to controlled substance trafficking.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Sanders, age 26, of 821 North Hoyt, #3, Anchorage.

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Erin White, Sanders participated in a drug conspiracy and provided a mailing address for a package of drugs sent to Anchorage by co-defendant Nicholas Blackwell. The package contained 2.5 kilograms of cocaine and 697 Ecstasy pills. Co-defendant Blackwell is pending sentencing on November 26, 2007.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Burgess noted the importance of deterring Sanders and other potential defendants from criminal conduct in the future, as well as the need to protect the public.

Ms. Loeffler commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Streets Task Force for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Sanders. SAUSA White is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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